

STEPHEN A. AND SARAH CLARK BOND

Stephen A. Bond was born August 20, 1829, at Rhode, Somersetshire, England. When the gospel came to them they lived at Kingswood, Glostershire, an adjoining English County. The gospel came to the family of James Bond his father about 1845,



and his brother Jesse was baptized in 1845 and Stephen in 1851. He left England in November 24, 1854, for Utah, in June 1855 arriving in Salt Lake, in November. He and his brother came first to Pleasant Grove in 1856 and to Provo in 1857. He married Sarah Clark December 6, 1860. They had met in England at an LDS meeting.

Sarah Clark was born in Stroud, Gloucestershire December 8, 1826, and was baptized into the Church when eight years of age at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire where her parents kept the conference house for the Church where the elders made their home. She attended school there until 16 when she left to go to work. She had saved enough money to emigrate after about 8 years and arrived in Salt Lake September 3, 1860, and left immediately for Lehi where she lived with a sister. Here she again met Stephen A. Bond and they were married December 6, 1860. They moved to Provo where they lived five years. Stephen made shoe pegs by hand while living in Provo.

They moved to Heber in 1865. Two children, Stephen and William, were born in Provo. Sarah, Elizabeth, Alfred, John and Emily Ann were born in Heber. Jesse Bond, a brother, came to Heber in 1859 with the first pioneers to this valley. Stephen settled on a lot joining his brother Jesse. Being a good carpenter he built most of the furniture for the early settlers. He participated in the Black Hawk War, and from exposure while on guard contracted rheumatic fever. He became delirious, and died December 28, 1875, at 45.

Left with six children the oldest 14 the youngest 2 years, his wife had a struggle to raise her family. The elder children went to work, Stephen as a carpenter for President Hatch and the other boys helping farmers, herding cows and helping to harvest crops. Lizzie (Sarah Elizabeth) at 12 years

of age hired out to the Hatch family as a domestic servant.

At age 39 grandmother, a widow, settled down to the job of raising her family. She was a spotless housekeeper, everything inside and out was attractively kept. Lovely flowers and shrubs were carefully cared for and added much to make living in the humble log cabin richer and fuller for the industrious family. Her own family and the neighbors children were attracted by the always cheerful smile and optimism of the little English mother.

She joined the Relief Society when it was organized and helped promote its program with music and earnest testimony. Her leadership was early recognized and her willingness to serve resulted in her being chosen to responsible positions and in 1895 to the presidency of the Heber East Ward Relief Society. She continued in this position until 1901, when her faithful labors merited her an honorable release.

Stephen the oldest son married Emily Sidoway, November 21, 1890. William H. Bond married Alice Taylor May 25, 1892. Alfred Thomas attended the University of Utah and Cook County Normal, Chicago and helped support his mother until his marriage to Lelia Clift in 1898. Sarah Elizabeth the oldest daughter worked for Abraham Hatch until her marriage to John W. Crook November 10, 1886. Emily Ann the youngest child married John H. Murdock December 4, 1899. John the youngest boy married Mary E. Jeffs May 24, 1892.

She continued active and only gave up her own home to live with her children upon their earnest solicitation. Cheerful and helpful she enjoyed her declining years with her two daughters. At the age of 93 she joined her husband from whom she had been so long separated. She passed away cheerfully at Provo, December 2, 1929, and was buried by the side of her husband in the Heber cemetery.